

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, [[double brackets]] are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 9, 10 and 14, CANCEL claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An automatic planning apparatus is connected through a network to at least one client operated by a user, said automatic planning apparatus comprising:
a questionnaire unit which creates and provides a questionnaire to a user to determine a character of the user through said network;

an analysis unit which receives answers to the questionnaire from the user and analyzes the character of the user based on a predetermined analysis method and the answers received;

an input unit for inputting initial conditions required for planning an event selected by the user, the event including a plurality of event items; and

a planning unit which automatically plans a schedule for preparation and execution of the event including the event items as a whole based on the input initial conditions and the character of the user determined by said analysis unit; and

a storage unit which stores a plurality of plan data for the event, each planning data corresponding to one of a plurality of patterns each being a classification of a character,

wherein said planning unit recognizes a pattern corresponding to the user based on the character of the user determined by said analysis unit, reads the plan data corresponding to the pattern recognized from said storage unit, and plans the schedule based on the plan data read.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said storage unit stores detailed data required by the user for the preparation and execution of the event, and said planning unit supplies said detailed data in addition to the plan data in response to a request from the user.

4. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a management unit which manages the schedule planned by said planning unit and notifies the user of the items to be processed by the user in the schedule.

5. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a receiving unit which receives the reservation from the user for an item to be reserved beforehand in the schedule.

6. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a purchase unit for receiving a request from the user for purchase of any article or any service to be supplied available in the schedule.

7. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a payment unit for receiving an on-line payment of charge for the purchase of the article or service.

8. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the event is one of various events in life, and said planning unit forms a schedule for the preparation and execution of the event for at least one of the various events in a life of the user.

9. (currently amended) A computer readable medium storing instructions, which when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform:

creating and providing a questionnaire to a user to determine a character of the user through the network;

receiving answers to the questionnaire from the user;

analyzing the character of the user based on a predetermined analysis method and answers to the questionnaire received from the user;

inputting initial conditions required for planning an event selected by the user, the event including a plurality of event items; and

planning a schedule automatically for preparation and execution of the event as a whole including the event items based on the input initial conditions and the character of the user determined, and

storing a plurality of plan data for the event, each planning data corresponding to one of a plurality of patterns each being a classification of a character.

wherein a pattern corresponding to the user is recognized based on the character of the user determined, and the planning includes reading the plan data corresponding to the pattern recognized, and planning the schedule based on the plan data read.

10. (currently amended) An automatic planning apparatus with which a user can plan a desired event including a plurality of event items, said automatic planning apparatus comprising:

a display unit which displays various data;

a questionnaire unit which creates a questionnaire based on which a character of the user can be analyzed and makes said display unit display the questionnaire;

an input with which the user can input answers to the questionnaire and certain initial conditions required for planning execution of the desired event;

an analysis unit which receives the answers input by the user, and analyzes the character of the user based on the answers received and a predetermined analysis; and

a planning unit which automatically creates a schedule for preparation and execution of the desired event including the event items as a whole based on the initial conditions input by the user and the character of the user analyzed; and

a storage unit which stores a plurality of plan data for the event, each planning data corresponding to one of a plurality of patterns each being a classification of a character,

wherein said planning unit recognizes a pattern corresponding to the user based on the character of the user determined by said analysis unit, reads the plan data corresponding to the pattern recognized from said storage unit, and plans the schedule based on the plan data read.

11. (original) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 10, wherein at least said display unit and said input unit are provided with a client, and said client is connected with rest of the units through a network.

12. (previously presented) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the character is a character rating based on a character analysis of the user using answers to the questionnaire.

13. (original) The automatic planning apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the analysis unit performs the character analysis by determining the character rating based on a level selected from a predetermined set of levels for at least one character factor of affection,

sincerity, delicacy, action and courage.

14. (currently amended) A computer readable medium to store instructions, which when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform:

analyzing a user's answers to a predetermined questionnaire to obtain a character analysis of the user; and

planning an event selected by the user, the event including a plurality of event items, based at least in part on the character analysis of the user; and

storing a plurality of plan data for the event, each planning data corresponding to one of a plurality of patterns each being a classification of a character.

wherein said planning recognizes a pattern corresponding to the user based on the character analysis of the user, and includes reading the plan data corresponding to the pattern, and planning a schedule of the event based on the plan data read.

15. (previously presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, including analyzing the user's answers utilizing a predetermined neural network.

16. (previously presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 15, wherein utilizing a predetermined neural network to analyze the user's answers includes assigning a level from a predetermined set of levels for each character factor of affection, sincerity, delicacy, action and courage, and using levels obtained to set a character rating.

17. (previously presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 14, further including planning the selected event based at least in part on user-specific data stored in a database.